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REFERENCE: Your memo to Mr. Avery dated 21 June 1952, subject as above

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1. It is difficult to understand the snafu arising from [redacted] trip. Coordination on this end was carefully worked out with DD/P. [redacted] himself, worrying as to whether proper advice of his proposed trip had been sent, discussed the matter with me on 19 and 20 June. He asked if someone in [redacted] office had been notified of his arrival. The answer from DD/P was, "Yes. A dispatch had been sent." [redacted] next 25X1A9a question was if [redacted] knew, in brief terms, the object of his visit. Again the answer from DD/P was, "Yes, the dispatch covered this." Further, I was advised that the AB/O had sent a message to his staff in [redacted] on or about 13 June and had received a message back 16 June which OK'd [redacted] trip.

2. Our original memorandum requesting approval for the trip was submitted to DD/P on 9 June. They are responsible for coordinating such travel with the theater as well as operational offices here in Washington. Certainly 16 days should have been adequate time for DD/P to get proper advice to the field.

3. Perhaps some of our good working relations have been damaged by "this apparently uncoordinated mess" and that is regrettable. I don't know whether you will be able to smooth it over based on some of the time factors I have outlined above. However, I assure you that from this end, for once, we are certain that our coordination had been adequately in advance and thoroughly checked. As most of us are, I am afraid, to neglect in failing to notify you of [redacted] TAY in your area.

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